



THE HOPE DEALER

Newsletter of the Faith-Based Initiative

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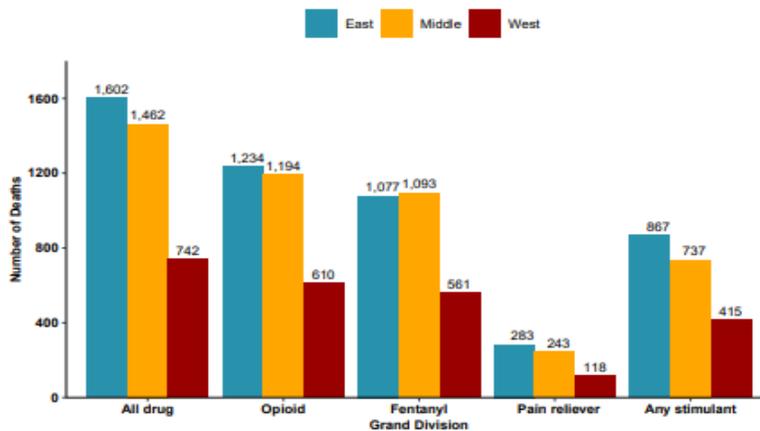
2021 Tennessee Drug Overdose Deaths Report

The Tennessee Department of Health—Office of Informatics and Analytics released the 2021 Tennessee Drug Overdose Deaths report in November. These reports are useful to all stakeholders on the state, regional, and county levels.

Below are statistics from the report by grand division. The complete report is available here: [2021 Tennessee Drug Overdose Deaths.pdf \(tn.gov\)](https://www.tn.gov/2022/01/2021-Tennessee-Drug-Overdose-Deaths.pdf)

2021 Tennessee Drug Overdose Deaths

Number of All Drug Overdose Deaths by Grand Division in TN, 2021



Analysis by the Office of Informatics and Analytics, TDH (last updated October 27, 2022). Limited to TN residents.
Data Source: TN Death Statistical File.

Number of All Drug Overdose Deaths by Grand Division in TN					
GrandDivision	All drug	Opioid	Fentanyl	Pain reliever	Any stimulant
East	1,602	1,234	1,077	283	867
Middle	1,462	1,194	1,093	243	737
West	742	610	561	118	415

East TN had the highest number of overdose deaths, encompassing 42% of the deaths in 2021, followed by Middle and West grand divisions. The "Unknown" category is not shown in the graph.

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Faith-Based Initiative Goals:

- Connect individuals struggling with mental health issues and/or substance use to treatment.
- Facilitate understanding of what treatment and recovery are.
- Increase knowledge of what mental health issues and substance use are.
- Spread awareness of the Faith-Based Initiative certification and its requirements.
- Understand the continuum of care and collaborate with it.
- Help groups understand and implement the best practice model.
- Promote and improve effectiveness of the faith-based initiative and how it connects the community with recovery and support services.

That's A Wrap!

As we wrap up another year, we gladly share our Office of Faith-Based Initiatives numbers with you! These numbers include our statistics from 2014 through the end of November 2022.

There are 20 Lifeline Coordinators who have:

- ◆ Presented over 8,336 recovery trainings.
- ◆ Referred over 22,828 individuals to treatment and recovery support services.
- ◆ Started over 720 new recovery meetings.

Faith-Based Community Coordinator

Results:

- ◆ 946 Certified Recovery Congregations
- ◆ Educational Forums in all 95 Counties
- ◆ Increased Awareness of Recovery Support Resources Statewide



Coordinator Spotlight

Ashlee Crouse

East TN Faith-Based
Community Coordinator



Ashlee is a point of contact for the faith community in establishing recovery programs for East Tennessee. She provides training and educational presentations, as well as coordination of special events. Ashlee is a person in long-term recovery and has a passion for helping others find their path to recovery and gain the skills to sustain their journey.

She is a Certified Peer Recovery Specialist (CPRS) and a CCAR Certified Recovery Coach/Facilitator. Ashlee uses her experience to share hope with others. She previously served as a TN Recovery Navigator and a Lifeline Coordinator.

Fun Fact: Ashlee enjoys playing with her puppies and one day wants to have a house full of bulldogs !!



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Upcoming Events

West Tennessee

- Memphis and Shelby County Community Fair, Saturday, January 7th, 2023, 1-5pm, Contact Lincoln Coffman for more details
- Women's Self Defense Class, January 17th, 2023, 6pm, Stewart County Visitors Center, Limited to 20 Participants
- MAPC Community Meeting, Monday, January 30th, 2023, 7-8pm, Contact Lincoln Coffman for more details,

Middle Tennessee

- The Addicted Brain Training, January 20th, 6-8pm, HOPE Church, Centerville, TN
- Trauma-Informed Church - "Handle With Care", February 11th, 8a-12p—Contact Will Taylor for details
- Resilient Tennessee Collaborative, February 25th, 10a-12p, Nashville, TN—Contact Will Taylor for details

East Tennessee

- Grundy Community Series— Applying the 12 Steps, Monday, January 9th, 2023, 6-7pm, at GRACE— 67 Old State Highway 56, Coalmont, TN, 37313
- Hope In The Grit, March 28th, 2023, 7pm, 517 Union Ave, - Contact Ashlee Crouse for details